

## ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes  
October 19, 1999

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The Kentucky Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) held its annual meeting on October 20 at Carter Caves State Park. Commissioners present were Chairperson Aloma Dew, Vice-Chair Betsy Bennett, Patty Wallace, Gary Revlett, Serena Williams, and Bob Riddle. EQC staff present was Leslie Cole, Scott Richards, Erik Siegel, and Frances Kirchhoff.

Each year, EQC commissioners meet to review past year accomplishments and set next year goals. The agenda of the annual retreat was as follows:

- Exploring EQC's Diversity
- Review Mission, Past Year's Accomplishments
- Discuss Successes and Challenges
- Set Priorities for 2000

The meeting began the meeting at 8 a.m. with an interactive exercise to explore the diversity of the commission members led by Assistant Director, Scott Richards.

Executive Director Leslie Cole next reviewed EQC's mission and gave an overview of past year highlights and accomplishments as outlined below.

### *A. Meetings and Recommendations*

#### 1. January 27 - Frankfort

\* Review regulations.

\* Update of Forest Conservation Act.

## 2. January 27 - Frankfort

- \* Meeting with Sec. Bickford on EQC 1999 priorities.

## 3. March 25 - Frankfort

- \* Review regulations.
- \* Black Mt. briefing and EQC recommendation on Black Mt.

## 4. April 22 - Earth Day Ceremony - Frankfort

## 5. May 27 - Bridgeport Elementary School Outdoor Classroom

- \* Press Conference to release State of Environment Report

## 6. July 22 - Frankfort

- \* Review regulations.
- \* Black Mt. briefing.
- \* Poultry CAFOs.

## 7. August 19 - Hawesville

- \* Field trip to OMU.
- \* Public Forum on water, toxics, solid waste, CAFOs.
- \* EQC recommendation on CAFOs.

## 8. Oct. 19-20 - Olive Hill

- \* EQC annual working retreat.

## 9. November 15- Frankfort

- \* EQC meeting with Sec. Bickford.

- \* Meetings with legislators.

#### 10. Dec. 16 - Frankfort

- \* Environmental legislation forum.

#### *B. State of Kentucky's Environment Report*

- \* Report format
- \* Advisory committee
- \* Distribution
- \* Feedback forms

#### *C. Special Projects*

- \* Cleanup of Glen's Creek Rd.
- \* Onsite Sewage Project
- \* Best of Kentucky Clearinghouse
- \* Earth Day
- \* Watershed Summit

#### *D. Public Outreach*

- \* EQC Newsletters (mailing list nears 4,000)
- \* News coverage, Clippings
- \* Presentations
- \* Inquiry response
- \* Web site

EQC commissioners next discussed the strengths and challenges facing the Commission.

EQC then discussed goals and priorities for the year 2000. A summary of the 2000 agenda is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Under other business, it was moved by Betsy Bennett and seconded by Patty Wallace to approve the minutes of the July 22, 1999 meeting. The motion passed by voice vote.

Next, Tom VanArsdall, with the Division of Water, gave an overview of the proposed water quality regulations. After discussion, Gary Revlett made the motion to approve the regulations and Bob Riddle seconded the motion. By voice vote of 5 in favor and 1 opposed (Betsy Bennett) the Commission recommended approval of:

401 KAR 5:002 Definitions for 401 KAR Chapter5.

401 KAR 5:026 Designation of uses of surface waters.

401 KAR 5:029 General provisions

401 KAR 5:030 Antidegradation policy implementation methodology

401 KAR 5:031 Surface water standards

A motion by Betsy Bennett was then made to revise the EQC resolution regarding Confined Animal Feeding Operations (passed August 19, 1999) to correct an oversight to include the Department of Agriculture in the CAFO Action Team. The motion was seconded by Aloma Dew and it passed by voice vote.

Director Cole next called the commissioners attention to a response from Secretary Bickford concerning an EQC inquiry regarding the burning of waste tires by Owensboro Municipal Utilities power plant. Commissioners agreed to review the response and discuss it at the next EQC business meeting.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m. Lunch and an informative tour of Carter Caves followed the meeting. Park Naturalist, John Tierney led the Commission on an interpretive hike to view the inside of a cave and other features at Carter Caves State Park.

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Date